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BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
District of Delaware
844 King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: ***In re NorthWestern Corporation***
Bankruptcy Case No.: 03-12872 (JLP)

Dear Judge Farnan:

We write on behalf of NorthWestern Corporation ("NorthWestern") to report on the status of the parties' efforts to arrange for mediation of the various actions involving Magten Asset Management Corp. ("Magten"), NorthWestern and other parties (the "Actions"), which are pending before this Court, pursuant to this Court's October 24, 2005 Order.

We are pleased to report that the parties have agreed to select Alan B. Miller, Esq. of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as mediator for the Actions. Mr. Miller has agreed to this appointment, and is in the process of reviewing any potential conflicts. We expect to hear from

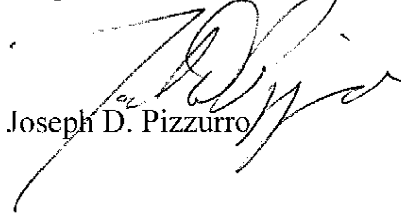
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him shortly confirming his ability to serve. We will advise the Court as soon as we obtain confirmation from Mr. Miller.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joseph D. Pizzurro

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